

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, under the "RELATED APPLICATIONS" heading:

NE on line 4, insert --, now U.S. Patent No. 5,764,892-- after "08/558,432;

at the end of the paragraph, kindly insert --, a continuation-in-part application of

application serial no. 08/826,098 and a continuation-in-part application of application serial no.

C1 08/799,401, now U.S. Patent No. 5,802,280; U.S. Patent No. 5,764,892 is a continuation of U.S.

Patent No. 5,715,174 and U.S. Patent No. 5,802,280 is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent No.

5,715,174--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 17, 20, 26, 42, 57, 65, 71-73 and 79 as follows:

C2 ✓ 17. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said electronic device is a computer having a hard drive, and wherein the method further comprises the step of loading said agent within said computer.

C3 ✓ 20. (Amended) The method of claim [1] 18 wherein said step of evading detection is accomplished by providing an agent which is operable without interfering with the normal operation of said electronic device.